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BY BOTSWANA

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WE NOTE THAT EMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IN REF B STATED THAT "UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, IT WOULD SEEM POSSIBLE TO MOVE 10,000 TONS OF CORN A MONTH TO ZAIRE VIA TAZARA AND ROAD". THIS WOULD REPRESENT 120,000 TONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AT PRESENT ALL OF ZAIRE'S COPPER CONCENTRATE, OR APPROXIMATELY 125,000 TONS ANNUALLY, AND APPROXIMATELY 40 PER CENT, OR APPROXIMATELY SECRET

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180,000 TONS, OF COPPER NOW ARE EXPORTED VIA ZAMBIAN AND RHODESIAN RAIL LINK
TO SOUTH AFRICA. THUS, REF B CONFIRMS OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT TAZARA AND ROAD ARE INADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE MAJOR
PORTION OF ZAIRE'S COPPER EXPORTS WHICH NOW TRANSIT ZAMBIA
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